Notice for strike by Syndicate Bank All India SC|ST Bank employees

258. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees' Welfare Association (Regd.) have served the notice for hunger strike on 20-21st March, 1995 at Syndicate Bank, Head Office, Manipal to its Chairman and Managing Director;

(b) whether these facts have also been brought to the notice of Government by the peoples representatives; and

(c) if so, what steps/action have been taken by the Government/Bank to redress the grievances of SC/ST employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) Syndicate Bank has reported that the latest developments and the action taken by the Bank on various issues raised by the Association have been intimated by the Chief Liaison Officer to the General Secretary of the All India Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees Welfare Association and he has been advised by the Chief Liaison Officer for SC/ST in the Bank to desist from he proposed agitational approach.

All India SC|ST Bank employees Federation

259. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that officials of the Banking Division had a meeting with the representatives of All India SC/ST Bank Employees Federation on 17th January, 1995;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of their demands have not been met owing to the absence of officials from Ministry of Personnel and Public Grievances, Ministry of Welfare and representatives of Indian Banks' Association; and

(c) whether Government will order for a meeting between the representativs of All India SC/ST Bank Employees' Federation (Regd.) and Officials of Banking Division, Department of Personnel, Ministry of Welfare and representative of Indian Bank's Association to redress the grievances of SC/ST employees for which they had resorted to hunger strike on 6th December, 1994 at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) The All India Scheduled Caste and Scheduled-Tribes Banks employees Federation staged a dharna and hunger strike at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on 6th December, 94 for redressal of certain grievances. They agreed to call off their agitation on 9th December, 94 after a meeting with a senior officer in the Banking Division with the understanding that a few representatives of the Federation could meet the concerned Joint Secy. and discuss their demands. A meeting was held on 17th Jan., 95 between the representatives of the Federation and the officials of the Banking Division when the issues raised by the former were discusses. At the meeting the representatives of the Federation were advised that some of the issues involved consideration of the matters by other Government Departments, and a suitable reference can be made to these departments for consideration of the same. Suitable references have already been made to Department of Personnel & Training and Indian Banks' Association.